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SUBJECT: SWEDES HOLD TWO SPIES

1. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REVEALED OCT 26 IT HAD IN CUSTODY TWO EASTERN EUROPEAN "ESPIONAGE AGENTS" WHO HAD DEFECTED TO SWEDISH SECURITY POLICE SOME TIME AGO. ON TV INTERVIEW NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF CARL PERSSON SAID THAT TWO AGENTS HAD THOROUGHLY INFILTRATED SWEDISH SECURITY SYSTEM, INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, ETC. FURTHER, HE SAID THAT TWO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE FOR LAST FOURTEEN YEARS IN VARIOUS OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND WERE REVEALING MUCH INFORMATION ON EAST-EUROPE SPY NETS. GERMANY AND FRANCE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. NATIONALITY OF TWO AGENTS NOT YET REVEALED BUT ONE NEWSPAPER REPORTS A SECURITY POLICE SOURCE AS SAYING THEY TOOK ORDERS "DIRECTLY FROM MOSCOW."

2. SWEDISH PRESS ARE CONNECTING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS SENSATIONAL SPY CASE, WHICH IS BIGGEST NEWS ITEM TODAY, TO GOVERNMENT'S RECENT TOUGH CRACKDOWN ON A LEFT-WING PUBLICATION WHICH HAD BEEN EXPOSING SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION. DOZIER

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